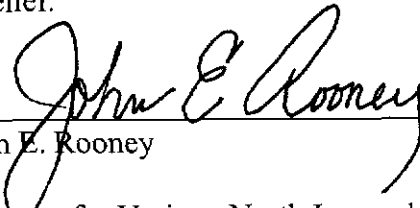


VERIFICATION


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I, John E. Rooney, being first duly sworn, hereby state that I am an attorney for Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc., that I am authorized to make this verification on their behalf, that I have read the foregoing Petition for Leave to Intervene of Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc., that I have knowledge of the facts stated therein, and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



John E. Rooney
Attorney for Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 22nd day of February, 2002.



Notary Public

